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RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.105

SIR:

Please consider the following response to the Request for Information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 mailed as part of an Office Action on February 11, 2003.

1. The Examiner has requested the following: "Pertinent prior art to the claims and disclosure in this application known to the applicant or the assignee that discloses web sites or sites (or the information stored therein) being identified, linked or associated with a geographical region or locale."

2. Neither the inventors nor the undersigned attorney are aware of prior art that meets the description quoted in para. 1 above.

3. Applicants are aware of web-sites that provide database searches based on geographical information.

4. www.mapquest.com and www.mapsonus.com are two web sites that provide database searches based on geographical information. Specifically, these web-sites take street addresses and produce maps based on those street addresses.

5. www.superpages.com and yp.yahoo.com are two web sites that will search a directory of businesses or people based on geographical information. Specifically, these web-sites take street addresses and a radius and use information to narrow the search for the specific category of business or a specific person. www.superpages.com will provide a link to a web site from the directory entry in some circumstances.

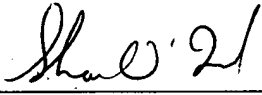
6. There are other sites that work similarly to the sites described in paras. 4 and 5 above.

7. It is noted that in the above examples, the geographic information is not associated with a web site, only with a database entry.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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